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FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FROM SECSTATE WASHDC DATED MAY 24, 1974
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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - EXCHANGE OF VIEWS RE MAJOR ISSUES AT
FORTHCOMING ICAO ASSEMBLY, MONTREAL, SEPTEMBER 24 -
OCTOBER 16, 1974

MONTREAL FOR US REP ICAO

1. DURING FORTHCOMING ICAO ASSEMBLY SEVERAL IMPORTANT
ISSUES WILL OR ARE LIKELY TO ARISE WHICH WILL AFFECT THE
INTERESTS OF THE MAJOR AVIATION STATES. THSE ISSUES
INCLUDE 1) POSSIBLE REVISION OF THE COMPOSITION OF THE
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PERMANENT ICAO COUNCIL; 2) RE-EMERGENCE OF A MANDATORY

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME IN CONNECTION WITH ICAO'S
CURRENT VOLUNTARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM; 3) ICAO STUDIES
AND POSSIBLE ACTION IN REGARD TO AIR FARES AND RATES;
4) POSSIBLE NEW PROPOSALS ON THE HIJACKING PROBLEM; AND
5) ENVIRONMENTAL QUESTIONS./

2. BECAUSE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THESE AND PERHAPS OTHER
ISSUES TO THE LEADING AVIATION STATES, DEPT BELIEVES IT
WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO HAVE A CONTINUING EXCHANGE OF VIEWS
AMONG SUCH STATES, BOTH BEFORE AND DURING THE ASSEMBLY.
IT MIGHT ALSO BE DESIRABLE TO CONSIDER AN INFORMAL
MEETING ON THESE SUBJECTS EITHER PRIOR TO OR DURING THE
ASSEMBLY.

3. ADDRESSEE MISSIONS, UNLESS THEY PERCEIVE OBJECTION,
REQUESTED INQUIRE OF APPROPRIATE CIVIL AVIATION OR OTHER
OFFICIALS OF HOST GOVERNMENTS ENGAGED IN PREPARATIONS
FOR ICAO ASSEMBLY WHETHER THEY WOULD BE PREPARED TO
EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH US AND OTHER INTERESTED STATES ON
IMPORTANT ISSUES SUCH AS THOSE MENTIONED ABOVE. US MAKING
ONLY INITIAL SOUNDINGS AND NOT SUGGESTING DEFINITE PROGRAM
AT THIS TIME, SO WOULD APPRECIATE ANY SUGGESTIONS AS TO
HOW THIS EXCHANGE OF VIEWS MIGHT BE CARRIED OUT. FOR
ITS PART US WILL BE PREPARED SHORTLY TO PRESENT PRELIMI-
NARY VIEWS ON THESE QUESTIONS. REPORT RESULTS OF INQUIRY
TO DEPT SOONEST.

4. FYI: US AND SOME OTHER LEADING AVIATION STATES ARE
CONCERNED ABOUT THE GROWING TENDENCY TOWARD LDC BLOC
VOTING IN ICAO (AS WELL AS OTHER UN AGENCIES - SEE
STATE 99106 (NOTAL)) WHICH TENDS MORE AND MORE TO AFFECT
ADVERSELY THE MAJOR SUBSTANTIVE WORK OF ICAO. ONE
USEFUL WAY FOR DEALING WITH THESE EFFORTS WOULD BE TO
INSURE COOPERATION AT LEAST AMONG LEADING AVIATION STATES,
WHOSE INTERESTS ARE VITALLY AFFECTED. END FYI. RUSH
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